

EDWIN A. BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2014

The Edwin A. Bemis Public Library Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, in the conference room at the library, 6014 S. Datura St. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT: Paul Bingham
Joseph Haynes
Laura Hooper
Lois Howard
Lisa Ohlgren, Vice-Chair
Dawn Shepherd, Chair

THOSE ABSENT: Cathy Schwartz, excused

ALSO PRESENT: Bruce Stahlman, Council Liaison
Tim Nimz, Library Director
Meredith Gipson, Recording Secretary
Kay Wilmesher, Community Program Manager

Before the start of the business meeting, Kay Wilmesher, Community Program Manager for the new Aging Well Resource Center, gave a presentation on the services which will be provided by the Center.

1. ROLL CALL

A quorum was determined present and the following business transacted.

2. MINUTES

ACTION: APPROVED

The minutes of the September 3, 2014 board meeting were approved as written.

3. AGENDA

ACTION: APPROVED

The agenda was approved as written.

4. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no unscheduled public appearances.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Final Details on Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. The board decided on the final arrangements for the volunteer recognition lunch on October 22, including decorations and table centerpieces, and that setup would begin at 10:00 a.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of 2015 Budget Workshops. Mr. Nimz reported that the Council workshops on the 2015 budget went very well and were finished in two evenings. Council was very involved at the policy level, but not in the details. The library requests for tables and chairs for the meeting room, staff chairs, and book carts were approved. Also, \$6,000 was added to the collection budget. Mr. Nimz commented that he was surprised that the branch library at Aspen Grove was approved on a 5-2 vote, but it is still under discussion at the council level. Ms. Howard and Ms. Shepherd were disappointed that Council had not asked the board for its opinion. Mr. Stahlman mentioned that Council was led to believe that since the Board did not support the motion at the September Library Board meeting, that they were not supportive of the idea in general. Mr. Stahlman said he felt that the argument for the economic development for Aspen Grove was persuasive. Ms. Ohlgren asked about the possibility of having a bookmobile instead. Ms. Hooper suggested that the board members take a field trip to Aspen Grove to see the location of where the branch is proposed. Mr. Nimz said he will talk to the Aspen Grove manager about setting up a tour before the November meeting.

B. Results of Boardwalk. Ms. Shepherd distributed a list of comments she received during the 6:00-7:30 shift. There were many positive comments about the helpful staff, good hours, great collection, children's area, and the used book sale. There were concerns from patrons about the cold on the lower level and that there is no quiet place to read or study. Ms. Hooper and Ms. Ohlgren said they received very similar comments. One patron suggested signage at the library indicating that additional parking is available at the Museum on program days. Mr. Nimz said that could be a concern during evening programs since the lighting and paths are not good between the two facilities. A patron mentioned that wi-fi is poor in some spots, although it is better than before. The patrons like the hours the library is open, except for one who would the library to be open longer on Friday evenings. Mr. Nimz said he appreciates the time the board takes to conduct the boardwalks and the valuable information they provide.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nimz mentioned the upcoming programs, including the Friends Craft Fair and Harvest Festival at the Museum, and the International Craft Fair at the library.

8. ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Stahlman reported on Council activities. Council approved a Century Link franchise and the re-zoning of the Broadway Estates shopping center to allow a fitness center to open in the old Joann's store.

Ms. Ohlgren mentioned that she loves doing the boardwalk and finds it interesting. The patrons appreciate having someone to talk to about library services.

Ms. Shepherd mentioned that a board nametag needs to be made for Ms. Schwartz. Ms. Shepherd mentioned the two mountain libraries she recently visited, and appreciated that one of them had a "quiet" room where talking is prohibited.

Mr. Bingham mentioned that he also likes the library in Steamboat Springs, which is one of the libraries Ms. Shepherd visited.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Meredith Gipson
Recording Secretary